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Mr Richard H. Karney, P.E.
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Karney:

The attached comments reflect Alcan Aluminum Corporation, Ingot Sales opinion regarding the February 11, 2003 proposal to revise the Energy Star program for fenestration products. Alcan Aluminum Corporation, Ingot Sales business includes the production and sale of aluminum extrusion ingot to aluminum extruders involved in manufacturing windows. Alcan Aluminum Corporation, Ingot Sales is of the opinion that the February 11, 2003 proposal will harm the aluminum window industry while missing out on the opportunity of providing significant energy conservation savings and other product feature benefits to consumers. Adoption of either of the proposed DOE proposals will lead to the lost of credibility of the Energy Star label due to the rigid design-based approach rather than a performance-based approach. We are in fully support of the proposed alternatives presented by the Aluminum Extruders Council in their letter to the Department of Energy of March 27, 2003. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on these critically important issues.

Yours sincerely,

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